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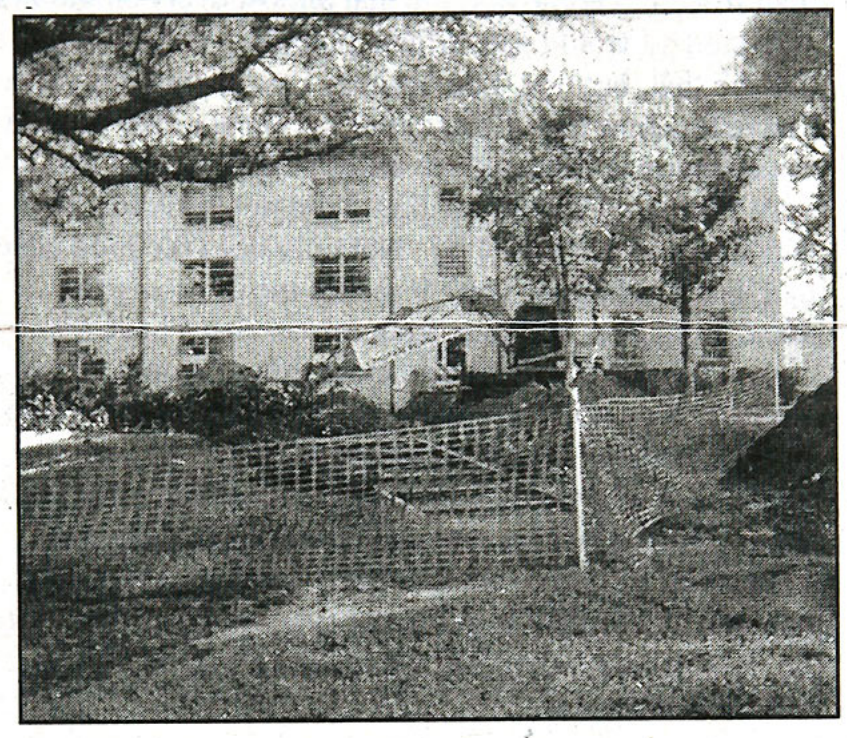
Chiller Plant Construction



Jay Kubica
Copy Editor

For the past few months, construction on Saint Leo University's Chiller Plant has been in progress. The plant will provide air conditioning for the campus by pumping cold water through pipes in all buildings. This will provide more reliable air conditioning at times when power is unavailable for conventional systems. Recently, the underground pipes for the plant were laid, and work is ready to proceed to the next stage. "The major portion of all the underground pipes has been completed. The (Chiller Plant) building is being raised and the roof structure will start by April 17th," Jim Killmeyer, Director of Physical Plant, explained. In the process of the construction, much of the campus's landscaping was damaged. "Restoration has been started. Our main intent is to make the campus as pleasing as possible for graduation," Killmeyer said.

This summer, the next stages for the Chiller Plant construction will take place. Construction will include renovations in Henderson Hall, Benoit Hall, Crawford Hall and Lewis Hall. All four buildings will be completed before the fall semester. In addition to Chiller Plant work being done to Crawford Hall, rooms 3, 3A, and 4 will be converted into a series of faculty offices. Construction in Saint Edward Hall will begin after graduation, as well. Faculty and support staff will be moved to trailers and other available spaces, such as the Activities Center, Saint Francis Hall, the Library, and the Marmion Dining Center. Trane Stop will be relocated to a trailer

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New VP of Student Affairs

Jennifer Hawley and Shan Anderson
Assistant Editor and Staff Writer

Acquiring the position of Vice President of Student Affairs at Saint Leo can keep you on your toes. For the past few weeks, Dr. Edward Dadez has diligently worked to adapt to our crazy campus climate. If you haven't yet introduced yourself to the ringleader of Student Affairs, he can be found at many of the university's activities, and he has an office located in DeChantel Hall. It is in this office that he stores his album of unbelievable autographs. Just stop by and take a look! Perhaps more familiarly, he is the only man on campus wearing a business suit with athletic sneakers. Dr. Dadez explains that it wasn't until he arrived in Florida that he realized he had left his dress shoes at home.

Despite his early humorous misfortune, Dr. Dadez seems to be enjoying the new position. After receiving a Bachelor of Arts from Commonwealth Univer-

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Although I am a freshman at Saint Leo, I have been here long enough to recognize the problems in the cafeteria. For most people here, the cafeteria is the only place where they can get food. Unfortunately, most people do not even like eating there. When I first arrived at Saint Leo in August, everyone told me about the freshman fifteen. People told me that almost every single first year student would gain fifteen pounds. At first, I did not believe that, but now I do because I've gained it myself. I have to admit that it's hard not to. Most of the food in the cafeteria is fried and we usually have a menu that is very similar each day. At first, I did not think the food was that bad, but now I do. Not only does the food taste bad, but it is bad for you. It makes me ill seeing the same thing over and over again. Now that I have discussed the food, there is one more thing I would like to address. I do not know why they have to use styrofoam in the cafeteria. I think it has something to do with the power, but why do they have to use something that isn't biodegradable? It bothers me to a certain extent, but I know a lot of people who feel very strongly about that subject. Although the caf is not everything we want it to be, it is still a place to see a lot of your friends during anytime of the day.

Frank Pomarico

Dear Editor,

I am a full-time student here at Saint Leo. I am also a commuter. There are many problems that I have a concern about. The first problem that has come to my attention is the parking problem. I have to park far away from where I have classes because there is not enough parking areas. I understand that a lot of the parking is taken up by construction. I also understand that the construction is necessary for the new plant that is going in. But, I don't understand why it takes me 20 minutes to find a parking space and why it also takes me 20 minutes to get out of the parking lot.

The other concern that I have is that the commuters need lockers on campus. With the parking problem, it is a pain to walk back to my car and get books that I need or drop off stuff that I don't need. You don't know how many times I hear people say that they wish that there were lockers that were centrally located on campus. Today, for example, I had three classes, one class required that I bring three books and my laptop. I had to carry my laptop and the three extra books around for the rest of the day, when I had two more classes. If I had a locker I could have dropped off the books and my computer from my morning class and not have to carry it with me the rest of the day.

I was hoping with the help of the Monarch we could get something going on better parking and lockers for students. I know that there are a lot of students that will stand up and support the idea.

Miranda Faulkner

Dear Editor,

I am currently a freshman at Saint Leo; I have played basketball all my life and do not feel that the coverage of the games here is complete. I think that the games should be covered in such a way that the readers know who the top scorers in the game were, and who made any outstanding plays. Whether the Lions win or lose the opposing teams players should be given credit for the game, any outstanding performances. In addition I think that the statistics of other teams in the conference should be given. Also, the standings in the conference and division should be given because, many students and faculty would like to know how the Lions are doing compared to the competition. The basketball season ended a few days ago, and many people that I spoke with who normally follow the team were oblivious to the fact that is was over. Just as many people, including myself, had no idea how the Lions finished out the season in the rankings and their record. To put this type of information in the Monarch on a regular asis during the basketball season would be greatly appreciated by the student body and the faculty.

James Bennett

Dear Editor,

As a student of Saint Leo University, I have some suggestions that I think could improve student interest in the Monarch. First of all, the paper should be more in tuned to the needs and desires of the students. I know that this task would be very difficult, if we the students push all the work on you and don't get actively involved in helping ourselves. Personally, I would like to see more variety of topics and coverage in the Monarch. More students would perhaps become involved if their interests were peaked by the paper.

You might be interested in an "IDEA BOX" where students can submit suggestions and have their voices heard. Also, I think more healthy discussion of *hot topics* that are interesting to students could be addressed. Life is controversial so I think it is good to lay the cards on the table. What do the students think of gun-control, what's their view regarding the presidential elections, what do they think of drilling for oil in the Gulf, what do you find appealing about Saint Leo University, the faculty, staff and administrators? Also, you might want to consider having an ongoing contest that would require students to read the Monarch in order to win. People would want to read the student paper and would look forward to each issue like an ongoing mystery. The final issue would reveal the answers and winner of the contest.

Everybody likes a walk down memory lane, why not put some funny stories about students and their classes, or some sports event bloopers, etc.? This would encourage others to get involved when they realize the paper is about them and for them.

I know that you work hard to get the news in the Monarch. You receive little support from the student body. Please understand I am not criticizing but merely offering my suggestions.

Steven Jeffers

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Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I have read the Monarch twice since I arrived at Saint Leo in January. Both times I found it to contain many enjoyable articles, but little information on the events on campus. I read reviews on events that I didn't know were taking place. The description of the events made me wish that I had attended them. I would like to see a calendar of events in the paper, if possible. Also, since I just moved to Tampa, I'd like to know about the interesting places to go in the surrounding area. I'd like to read a restaurant review, or get information about an up-coming art show. These are simply ideas to think about. Growth and addition is crucial to improvement, so I hope my thoughts are taken as building tools rather than criticism. The student writers do a fabulous job, and I learned a great deal about Saint Leo from reading the Monarch. Keep up the good work.

Sarah Groves

Dear Editor,

First, I would like to give kudos to the editorial staff of the Monarch for putting themselves through the toil of producing a university newspaper. It is difficult to put the time and necessary energy into the production of a newspaper, and for your staff of busy students and faculty to be able to do so is commendable. During my years of high school, I was on the newsletter and yearbook staff and I too know what dedication is required in order to produce and publish a polished paper within a time limit.

Most people write letters to the editor of a newspaper to criticize the paper. I, however, would like to offer my assistance to the staff. Due to the fact that I have extensive experience in the field of illustrating through community theatre and have also completed many hours of study at the Nazareth College of Arts in Rochester, NY, I feel that I may possibly be of some type of assistance to your staff. In order to add a bit vibrancy and humor to the paper, may I suggest a humorous cartoon section added to the paper that would appeal to the students here at the University? Reading a paper which is informative in content is good, but a paper possessing a lighter side as well, is a bonus.

Thank you for your time, and keep up the good work on the Monarch.

Dianna Gill

Editorial: On-Line Education

Saint Leo University has entered the wonderful world of cyberspace. In partnership with University Alliance, Saint Leo now offers online bachelor's degrees in Business Administration, Accounting, and Computer Information Services. Those in charge of the online programs expect enrollment to reach 3,000-5,000 students within five years. Getting a degree over the Internet is advertised as extremely convenient and fully accredited. On the surface, these types of degrees may seem worthwhile, but they may actually be too good to be true.

The existence of online degrees leaves many questions unanswered. Unfortunately, the web pages that Saint Leo and University Alliance have devoted to the dissemination of information about their online programs provide few answers. There are information request forms, but what if someone wants to learn casually about the program without giving his name? The primary emphasis appears to be on convenience and attaining job skills. Nowhere is learning for learning's sake even addressed. While career goals are important, there is more to the university experience than careers. Friendships, discipline, confidence, and the ability to discuss difficult topics spontaneously are just a few of the things that a student can get by attending a physical university campus. No number of chat rooms can replace a truly energetic classroom discussion. Downloadable written "lectures" will soon make the skill of note-taking a thing of the past. Yes, I know that may not sound like a bad thing at first, but note-taking is an integral part of the learning experience. It is possible for things to become too easy and too convenient. Furthermore, the question of academic honesty, or lack thereof, rears its ugly head. When a student takes a test in the classroom, the teacher is there to witness the event. Cheating is a problem that is constantly guarded against. The student caught using "cheat sheets" or looking at his neighbor's work will be disciplined with extreme sanction. Why then is it assumed that students will become unfailingly honest when they sit in front of a computer screen? What is to stop someone from getting their more intelligent friends to do their work for them? Papers present a similar problem. It would be a simple matter for a student to get someone to else to do all of his work for him. The style would never change, so this "ghost student" would never be caught.

Academic honesty, quality of learning, classroom participation, and the discipline required to attend class are lacking when the university experience is limited to pixels on a computer screen. The act of learning should require some effort. Maybe attending a physical university, rather than a virtual one, isn't very convenient or very easy. But isn't a really good education worth a little time and trouble?

By- Jennifer Hawley, Assistant Editor

4 Graduating Seniors

Traditional Campus Students

Angela Adamson
Jon Akin
Stephen Alvernaz
Helen Amara
Lanie Anderson
William Baker
Jason Barcomb
John Barna
Page Batton
Russell Beach
Karen Beck
Sharon Bilby
Troy Bishop
Rebecca Boley
Joseph Brackney Jr.
Toni Brady
Marilyn Brown
Jacquelyn Brown
David Bryant
Catherine Burgos
Natalya Butcher
Tammy Cade
Kimberly Carter
Jason Centrella
Bridget Clancy
Tessa Clark
Matthew Coffey
Christopher Corlito
John Costello
Christopher Cuchetti II
Melissa Davidson
Juliann Davila
Danilel Del Bo
Ana DiDonato
Marsha Douglas
Marie Doyle
Grace Dyer
Kelly Edgren
Rosina Ermilio
Amber Ernest
Felipe Esteves
John Evangelinelis
Shirley Eyers
Patricia Falk
Deborah Faelts
Dawna Ferguson
Constance Fernandez
Aaron Fisk
Kasey French
Arlene Galante
Kelly Garrity
Sharlene Gill
Sean Golden
Garrett Goralski
Bryan Grassing
Regina Guerra
Kelly Hager
Farrell Hall
Debra Harris
Stephanie Harris
Jennifer Hawley
Lorraine Helbig
Michele Hero
Evan Hill
Heather Hogan
Trent Hogg
Lee Homburger
Jennifer Huff
Holly Hutchinson
Shawn Ingalls
Amy Johnson
Pamela Johnson
Kristy Johnson
Dennis Jones
Neil Kennedy
Greg Lambert
Justin Lang
Amelia Lawrence
Brittan Leonard
Joseph Lerie
Debra Lisnock
David Macca
Phillip Marchall
Lisa Martian
William Mathews
Brian McBride
Dennis McCarthy
Robert McClusky, Jr.
Beth McCullough
Sharee McCutchen
Kevin McGavin
Kathleen McManus
Shelley Mirpuri
Steve Monforti
Sally Moore
Lorelle Mount
Colleen Mulrooney-Doulk
Karen Nalette
Joseph Napolitano
Mary Narciso
Barbara Nizza
Robert Norris
Michael O'Conel
Marcia O'Gorman
Derek Origon
Erin Orr
Inara Oxendine
Zuleydis Paradela
Britt Patricarch
Kathleen Patrick
Michael Petrosky
Ryan Picard
Natalie Pinto
James Prombo
Julianne Receveur
Scott Reinold
Christopher Rhode
Angela Ricciardi
Angelo Ritacco
Melissa Robbins
Damaris Rodriques
Brian Roper
Sandra Rosales
Carrie Rosier
Adela Sanchez
Karina Sanders
Georgiana Santorineos
Melissa Scala
Rebecca Schulte
Krista Schweiberger
Heather Schwerin
Larry Scot
Stacey Sessoms
Katie Sewell
Deborah Shaw
Stacey Skipper
Brett Slaughter
Avena Lynn Smith
Timothy Spell
Joseph Staniszewski, Jr.
Nathan Stasonis
Tracy Steele
David Strauss
Michael Strozak
James Sullivan, OSB.
Vivian Sweeney
Jason Teel
Peter Tencza
Desiree Thomas
Jorge Torrico
Virginia Trissell
Leonard Umhoefer, Jr.
Karen Varga-Sinka
Constantia Vergos
Courtney Warren
Leigh Wazocha
Diane Welch
Matthew Yarber
Jaime Yarzab

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Heidi Arteaga
Jennifer Balthrop
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Sue Campbell
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Rosemarie Chambers
Shirley Clark
Beverly Clayton
Charletta Clegg
Fran Cole
Amber Collins
Daisy Collins
Jerilynn Cook
Betty Cook
Sean Coyle
Deborah Culbert
Sheila Curtis
Alberto Delgado
Julia Dickie
Renee Digruccio
Ted Drier
Christina Easky
Patricia Ekiss
Angela Elliott
Charles Emnett
Allis Emnett
Antoinette Fisher
Rosalind Fisher
Brenda Fontenot
Jean Gadoury
Grace Gordan
Tina Gorman
Keith Grams
Willie Grier, Jr.
Elizabeth Hagman
Willie Hall
Mary Hancock
Craig Hare
Eric Head
Thomas Himmler
Lyndell Hudson
Harold Hughes
Edward Jacquemin, III
Christine Johansen
Shirley Jones
Sharon Key
Kathleen Kiefer
Stanley Kruk
Francis LaFeir
Susan Lang
Michael Lavallee
Jackie Leonard
Bennie Lewis
Nelson Lucas-Murphy
Jason Mabry
Marian Manganello
Christopher Marlin
Margaret McGuffie
Roger Mills
Debra Mitchell
Ashley Moore
Deborah Moore
Adam Morales
Theresa Moran
Joanna Mullins
Paul Naas
Ross Naidow, Jr.
Rhonda Nolan
Georgia Oldham
Debra Patterson
Melody Pavlica
James Perrone
Dorothea Peters
Michelle Petrie
Julie Pickard
Wayne Pless
Cheryl Popeck
John Pudrette
Nancy Powers
Daniel Prast
Ryan Preller
James Preston

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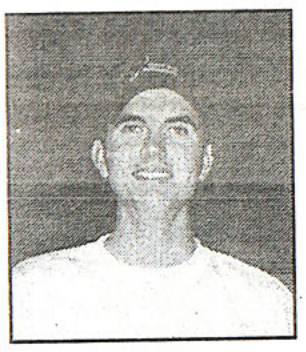
Graduation Schedule

May 2: Alumni/Senior picnic at the lake
May 3: Senior Class trip to Disney
May 4: Senior Class dance
May 5: Seniors vs. Faculty softball game

May 7: GRADUATION
9:30: Line-up for Baccalaureate Mass
10:00: Baccalaureate Mass in the Marion Bowman Activities Center
11:45: Lunch in the McDonald Center
12:30: Class Picture in Front of Abbey Church
1:15: Commencement Line-Up in Library
1:45: Graduation Processional
2:00: Commencement Exercises in Mar ion Bowman Activities Center; Reception to follow in McDonald Center

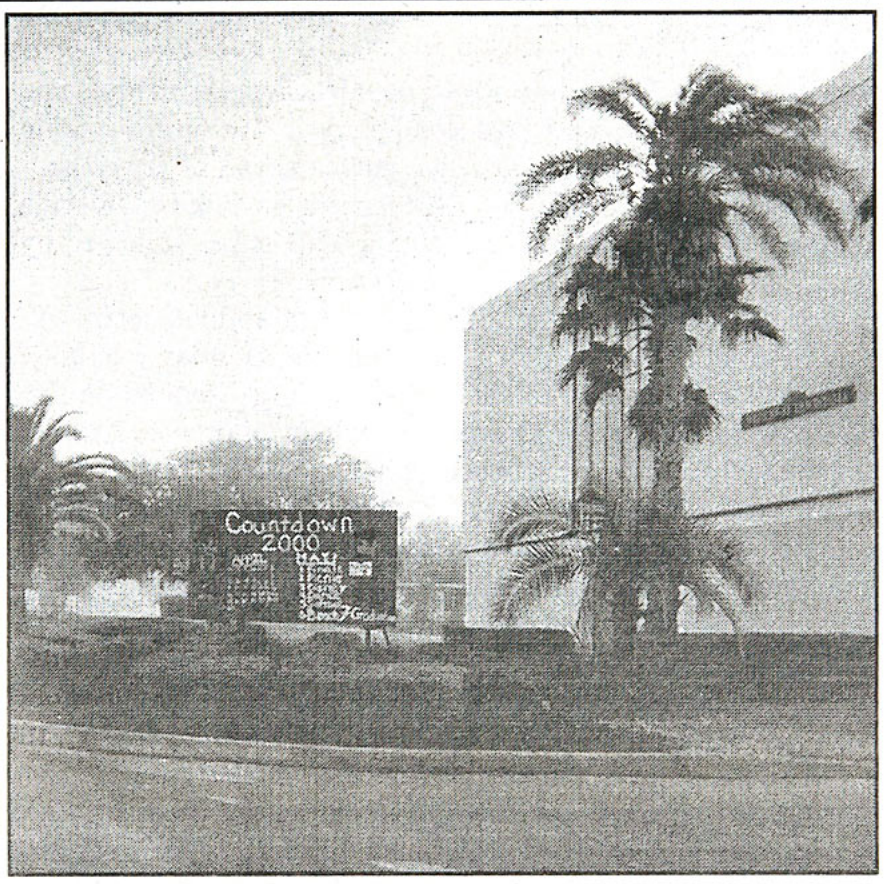
Photo Poll: What are you doing after Graduation?

"All I know is I am going out to eat with my family afterwards. I have no clue after that."
- Katie Sewell



"I am going to work at the Ironman Triatholon."
-Bill Matthews

"I was offered a position as a youth minister at Light of Christ in Florida."
-Neil Kennedy



The Editors, Advisors, and Staff of the Monarch would like to extend their deepest thanks to Assistant Editor, Jennifer Hawley, for all her diligent work and endless contributions to the Monarch over the last two years. The Monarch wishes her the best of luck and will miss her presence. Without her the Monarch will never be the same. Thank you, Jenn, for everything. You are the best.

Kate Futrell
Editor-in-Chief

Graduating Seniors Continued

Kristen Previtera
Judith Pruitt
Mary Redman
Carmen Reyes
Joni Richardson
James Rick
Donald Robinson
Terance Rodgers
Mark Romine
Dennis Russell
Connie Self
Robert Sessions
Phyllis Shaughnessy
Constance Shelton
Sherry Shields
Scott Smith
Diane Smith
Leigh-Anne Stephens
Cidy Stevens
Mark Stroup
Barbara Surmis
Tracey Taclik
Beverly Tarasevich
Albert Taylor
Sandra Tepedino
Susan Turner
William Turner
Doris Vargus
Dwayne Veal
Alan Vick
Angela Vick
Kathryn Wallace
Kristina Walzak
Robert Watson
Steven White
Randolph Wildman
Jeffery Wilkinson
Ann Wilkinson
Jeffery Wilkinson
Marquett Williams
Sonja Yoder-McCaughey

SOFTBALL (32-13, 13-5)

Big Weekend... The Saint Leo softball team split a non-conference doubleheader, then went 3-1 in its two Sunshine State Conference doubleheaders over the weekend. The Lions' overall record now stands at 32-13 and they are 13-5 in Sunshine State Conference play. Saint Leo is ranked No. 23 in the latest National Fastpitch Coaches Association Division II national poll. On Wednesday, the Lions split a doubleheader with Valdosta State University, winning game one 2-1, before losing game two 4-3 in eight innings. On Saturday, the Lions split with Lynn University, winning game one 2-0 and losing game two 9-2. On Sunday, the Lions swept a key doubleheader with the Barry University winning game one 4-2, then winning game two 5-3.

Alone in Second... With five SSC doubleheaders remaining, the Saint Leo softball team is in second place in the Sunshine State Conference. The Lions pulled two games ahead of Barry University with its sweep of the Buccaneers on Sunday. Florida Southern is in first in the SSC with a 15-3 mark, followed by Saint Leo (13-5), Tampa (12-6), and Barry (11-7).

Senior Day on Saturday... The Saint Leo softball team will play its final home game of the season this Saturday afternoon when it hosts Florida Tech at 1 p.m. The three seniors on this year's team, Jacquelyn Brown, Holly Hutchinson and Karen Nalette will be honored between games.

Saint Leo 4-5, Barry 2-3... Desiree Croteau picked up a complete game victory and a victory in relief to lead Saint Leo to a Sunshine State Conference doubleheader sweep over Barry University Sunday afternoon at Saint Leo. Croteau improved to 22-6 on the season as the Lions prevailed 4-2 in game one. SLU scored single runs in the second, third and fourth innings for a 3-0 lead before the Buccaneers scored two in the sixth. The Lions added a run in the bottom of the sixth. Holly Hutchinson and Kristin Alvarez had two hits each. In the second game, Croteau came in relief of starting pitcher Lacey Hardesty and tossed five innings, allowing no earned runs and four hits in a 5-3 victory. Jamie Martin went 3-for-3 with a run scored. The game was tied at 1-1 when the Lions pushed across four runs in the third.

Saint Leo 2-2, Lynn 0-9... Kristin Alvarez collected four hits on the afternoon and Desiree Croteau picked up her 20th victory of the season as the Lions and visiting Lynn University split a Sunshine State Conference doubleheader Saturday afternoon at Saint Leo. In the first game, Croteau tossed a complete game three-hitter and struck out 10 in the 2-0 shutout victory; The Lions picked up two unearned runs, one in the first and one in the fourth. Alvarez went 2-for-3 with a run scored. In the second game, Lynn took advantage of five Lion errors, four in the first inning, en route to a 7-0 lead and an eventual 9-2 win. The Lions did manage two runs in the bottom of the first on RBI singles by Jessica McKenzie and Lacey Hardesty. Hardesty took the loss in game two.

Croteau named SSC Female Athlete of the Month... For her outstanding performance during the month of March, Desiree Croteau was selected SSC Female Athlete-of-the-Month. The junior from Wesley Chapel is currently batting .389 and has nine doubles, two home runs, and a team-leading 20 RBIs. Croteau made 21 appearances in the month, posting a 13-4 record and 0.73 ERA. At the plate, she started in 27 games, batting .405 on 34-of-84, scoring 15 runs with 15 RBI.

Up next... The Lions are on the road for two of three Sunshine State conference doubleheaders this week. On Wednesday, the Lions travel to the University of Tampa at 6 p.m. The Lions then host Florida Tech on Saturday at 1 p.m. On Saturday, the three Lion seniors will be recognized in a pregame ceremony. The Lions close out the week on the road at Rollins College at 1 p.m.

BASEBALL (29-14, 8-7)

Lions Fall Twice to Rollins... The Saint Leo baseball team dropped two of three games to Rollins College over the weekend to drop to fourth in the SSC. In non-conference action, the Lions defeated Warner Southern 9-8 at home on Tuesday. SLU then lost to Rollins at home on Friday 13-9, and in Winter Park on Saturday 10-8 before winning at home 15-14 on Sunday afternoon. The Lions' overall record now stands at 29-14 and they are 8-7 in conference play. The Lions were ranked No. 9 in last week's *Collegiate Baseball* Division II national poll.

SSC Standings... The Saint Leo baseball team is 8-7 in Sunshine State Conference play this season. The following are the SSC standing through Apr. 9 with SSC records listed in parenthesis: Tampa (13-2), Rollins (8-4), Florida Southern (8-4), Saint Leo (8-7), Lynn (5-7), Florida Tech (5-10), Eckerd (5-10), Barry (3-9).

Lions on TV This Week... The opening game of the Lions' three-game series with Eckerd College will be televised by Sunshine Network. Saint Leo hosts Eckerd on Thursday night at 7 o'clock. The game will be shown on a tape-delay basis.

Senior Day on Sunday... The Lion baseball team will play its final home game of the season this Sunday afternoon. The six seniors on the team will be honored before the start of the game. Jason Barker, Bryan Grassing, Cayetano Landeros, David Macca, Pete Maroudis, and Ryan Picard will all close out their careers at Saint Leo this year.

Saint Leo 15, Rollins 14... A two-RBI double by Matt Krot in the bottom of the ninth inning lifted Saint Leo to a wild 15-14 Sunshine State Conference victory over Rollins College Sunday afternoon at Saint Leo. The Lions trailed 5-0 when they scored six runs in the bottom of the third inning, keyed by a grand slam home run by Erik Shafer. After the Tars scored two in the fourth to tie the game, Ryan Picard hit a two-run home run for an 8-6 lead. Trailing 13-11, the Tars pushed across three in the top of the eighth on a three-run home run by Barton Vaughn. In the ninth after Trevor Hall was hit by a pitch and Kevin Russo reached on an error, Krot doubled deep to centerfield for the game winner. Bryan Grassing threw one and one-thirds innings in relief to pick up his third victory of the season. The Lions had 13 hits, three each by Picard and Jason Barker.

Rollins 10, Saint Leo 8... Rollins posted their second consecutive come-from-behind victory in as many days with a 10-8 victory over the Lions Saturday afternoon in Winter Park. The Lions led 8-3, but surrendered seven runs in the seventh inning. Joe Ricciardi took the loss. Cayetano Landeros went 4-for-5 while Trevor Hall went 3-for-5 in the defeat.

Rollins 13, Saint Leo 9... Rollins opened the three-game series with a 13-9 come-from-behind victory over the Lions. Saint Leo took a 9-5 lead with four runs in the fourth inning before Rollins answered with seven in the top of the fifth. Cayetano Landeros and Trevor Hall each went 3-for-5 with four RBIs in the loss.

Landeros, Hall on Fire... Cayetano Landeros and Trevor Hall have been hot at the plate lately. Over the past seven games, Landeros is 15-for-30. The senior second baseman has a double, two triples, and has driven in eight runs in the last two SSC series. Landeros leads the team with six home runs and is now second on the team in average (.356), runs scored (47), RBIs (37), and hits (58). Hall is 15-for-32 over the past seven games and has driven in 14 runs to bring his team-leading RBI total to 52 this season.

Up next... The Lions are home for four of five games this week. Saint Leo begins the week with a non-conference game Tuesday night against Flagler College at 7 p.m. There will be free admission to all fans on Tuesday night. On Wednesday, the Lions host Webber College in a non-conference doubleheader, beginning at 4 p.m. Saint Leo is on TV Thursday night as it hosts Eckerd College in a Sunshine State Conference game. The three-game series continues Saturday afternoon in St. Petersburg at 1 p.m., then concludes Sunday afternoon at 1 p.m.

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Monthly Horoscopes

Aries, *Ram*-March 21st-April 19th
School/Work- Yesterday's energy could spill over into today's renewed zest and a positive outlook, as events in your life begin to settle down again.
Love- Luck is with you. Even if you don't find your soul mate, you'll have a great deal of fun in your search.

Taurus, *Bull*-April 20th-May 20th
School/Work-Close your eyes and make a wish. You have a combination of drive, ambition, luck, and a good business sense working for you now.
Love- Be careful in your romantic choices. The magnetic attraction you're now enjoying will last a while, so don't waste it on the wrong person.

Gemini, *Twins*-May 21st-June 20th
School/Work- You will have a tremendous response from people at large, who will tell you just how much you touch their lives.
Love- Don't stir up an argument to get a reaction. Just be open to conversation.

Cancer, *Crab*-June 21st-July 22nd
School/Work- Financial affairs continue to plague you and give you nightmares. Find a way to increase your income, even if only on a temporary basis.
Love- You don't even have to make an effort lately, because others are totally into you.

Leo, *Lion*-July 23rd-August 22nd
School/Work- Keep your eye on your own goals, needs, and abilities.
Love- Fortune smiles on the Lion this week, and you attract the right things just when you need them.

Virgo, *Virgin*-August 23rd-September 22nd
School/Work- Your instincts are confirmed today as good news comes from a distance.
Love- Someone may introduce you to that refined, warm, and elegant partner you've been searching for. You may run off together arm in arm.

Libra, *Scales*-September 23rd-October 22nd
School/Work- Someone is around who will encourage you and help you set your sights on new goals
Love-. You may judge wrongly in the first few minutes of the encounter and miss hidden possibilities.

Scorpio, *Scorpion*-October 23rd-November 21st
School/Work-Think hard about your calling in life, and stay on the right path. Although you may feel that disorder has reigned during these last months of classes, this feeling will soon pass.
Love-Love is on your side, especially on Fridays.

Sagittarius, *Archer*-November 22nd-December 21st
School/Work-You have a lot of learning to catch up on. Powerful forces are at work to propel you into a new kind of creative expression.
Love-Honesty is the key to success in any relationship, so work on it. A friendship could become something more.

Capricorn, *Goat*-Decmeber 22nd-January 19th
School/Work- Start thinking about summer jobs or plans.
Love-Beware of old loves coming back into your life. Also, your take-command approach helps solve a difficult, ongoing problem.

Aquarius, *Water Bearer*-January 20th-Febuary 18th
School/Work- Although you have all the ambition, drive, and determination one could want, you may not be able to motivate some people to join you in a special enterprise. Don't take it personally.
Love- If you're looking for love, don't expect much excitement. The electricity and magic you're searching for isn't here just yet.

Pisces, *Pair of Fish*-Febuary19th-March 20th
School/Work- Enjoy every moment of your life. Remember that God created each one for a reason. Think positive thoughts and work hard.
Love-Give it time, and the pieces will come together.

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SACS FAQ
[Frequently Asked Qeustions]

1. ***What is SACS?*** The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) is one of six regional accrediting associations in the United States. SACS is the accrediting body in the eleven Southern states of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas and Virginia, and in Latin America.
2. ***What does SACS do?*** SACS accredits educational institutions at all levels from early childhood centers through universities. The Commission on Colleges is the SACS unit that is responsible for the accreditation of universities, senior colleges, and two-year colleges.
3. ***What is accreditation?*** Accreditation is a means by which colleges and universities regulate themselves and one another through a process of peer evaluation. This process results in improved educational quality.
4. ***Why is accreditation important?*** Accreditation by the appropriate regional body is essential to the continued operation of a college or university. Schools that are not accredited are not eligible to receive most federal and state funds.
5. ***What is the basis for SACS accreditation?*** The Commission of Colleges has established a set of standards known as the *Criteria for Accreditation.* These provide guidelines for the institution and for the peer review.
6. ***Who does the peer review?*** A team of faculty and administrators from other institutions visits the campus to assess the strengths and weaknesses of the University and to determine compliance with the *Criteria for Accreditation*. They report to the Commission of Colleges, which then decides to grant, reaffirm, or withdraw accreditation.
7. ***Is Saint Leo University accredited?*** Saint Leo University is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097; Telephone 404-679-4501) to award the associate's, bachelor's and master's degrees.
8. ***Is accreditation permanent?*** SACS requires that an institution's accreditation be reviewed every ten years. Since our accreditation was reaffirmed in 1990, we are scheduled for another review in 2001. SACS requires the University to complete a self-study as part of the reaffirmation process.
9. ***What is involved in the Self-Study?*** The University conducts a comprehensive study of its purpose, programs, and services. This Self-Study examines every aspect of the institution, identifying strengths and weaknesses, assessing our institutional effectiveness, and developing plans for improvements. The Self-Study will be completed by October 2000.
10. ***Who is doing the Self-Study?*** Faculty, administrators, staff, students, and board members participate in the Self-Study process. Eight principal committees work with a university-wide steering committee and the Self-Study Office to complete the tudy and prepare the Self-Study Report.
11. ***What is the Self-Study Report?*** SACS requires the university to submit a comprehensive report on the findings of the Self-Study. This will be sent to the members of the SACS Visiting Team in December 2000. Copies will be available in university offices, at the Centers, and in Cannon Memorial Library. The Report will also be accessible through the SLU Home Page.
12. ***What is the SACS Visiting Team?*** Thirty-four persons from colleges and universities in the Southeast will visit several of Saint Leo's locations and examine all aspects of the University. Dr. Tom Benburg, Associate Executive Director, Commission on Colleges, will accompany the Visiting Team.
13. ***When will the Visiting Team come to SLU?*** The SACS Visiting Team will be on campus February 11-14, 2001.
14. ***What will the Visiting Team do?*** Members of the Visiting Team will interview faculty, administrators, staff and students, and will review university documents. Their purpose is to assess the quality of our Self-Study and to determine compliance with the SACS *Criteria for Accreditation.* Their report on the University, including their recommendations for changes we must make, will be submitted to the SACS Commission on Colleges.
15. ***How does the University respond to the Visiting Team's Report?*** The University must provide the Commission with a written response to all recommendations contained in the Visiting Team's report. This response will describe the actions taken by the University to meet the recommendations and to ensure compliance with the specific criteria.
16. ***When will the Commission make its decision?*** Final action on reaffirmation of accreditation for SLU will be taken at the SACS Annual Meeting in December 2001.

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Reviews

Movie Review: *Erin Brockovich*

Nikki Franchini
Photo Editor

A movie with Julia Roberts in it is bound to be good. If you think about it, she is one of the only female actors today who can take on a movie role all by herself and make it big. This is exactly what she does in *Erin Brockovich*. Julia Roberts gives up the glamorous, romantic comedy roles and tackles a film that is very true to life. This movie gives power to the human spirit and inspires those with hard times in their lives.

The movie is about Erin Brockovich, a single mother, with three children, as she raises them with no job and a bad track record with men. In the beginning of the movie, she gets into a car accident (that was clearly not her fault) and loses the case to an ER doctor. While struggling to find work, she pleads with her lawyer to hire her, which he reluctantly does. With her short skirts and teased hair, many of her co-workers do not respect her. One day, Erin is filing some records and stumbles upon a shaky record. She asks Ed Masry, her boss, to further investigate. What Erin finds leads to the plot of the movie. Her role turns from unrespected worker to the most important employee in the firm. She finds herself having to choose between her boyfriend and her work.

Director Steven Soderbergh does an amazing job of catching the viewers' attention. The audience goes from laughing out loud to times of intense sympathy. This movie leaves you amazed that it is a true story, and you are too weary to reach for a glass of your tap water.

Music Review: *Smashing Pumpkins*

Nikki Franchini
Photo Editor

Well, the Smashing Pumpkins are back and better than ever. Their bassist D'arcy left the band and got caught with crack. Good break, right? The new bassist is Melissa Auf de Mer. If you heard her name before, it is probably because she used to be in the band Hole. So Smashing Pumpkins' new CD, is great. If you gave up on them after hearing Adore's electronic beat, try again. This CD is loaded with good alternative rock.

Machina / the Machines of God was released February 28. Already, the album has gone to number three in the Billboard's Top 100. The CD starts off with their first single, "The Everlasting Gaze." It is a good song if you fast-forward through Billy Corgan's a cappella act. The CD has a great mixture of songs from the heartfelt "Stand Inside Your Love" to the rockin' "Heavy Metal Machine." A personal favorite is "I of the Morning." It starts off slow and the pace gets faster, leaving you wanting more. The very talented Vasily Kafanov does the artwork inside of the lyric book.

The Pumpkins have started their "Sacred and Profane Tour." Wouldn't you know it, they will be at Ruth Eckerd Hall. The date for the show is May 5, and it will not be anything to regret. The Smashing Pumpkins have been known to put on a great show.

So, for everyone out there who has given up on the Pumpkins, they are back; so give them a second chance. You will not regret it.

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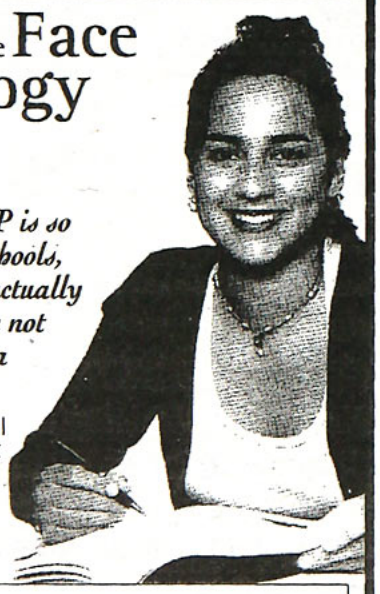

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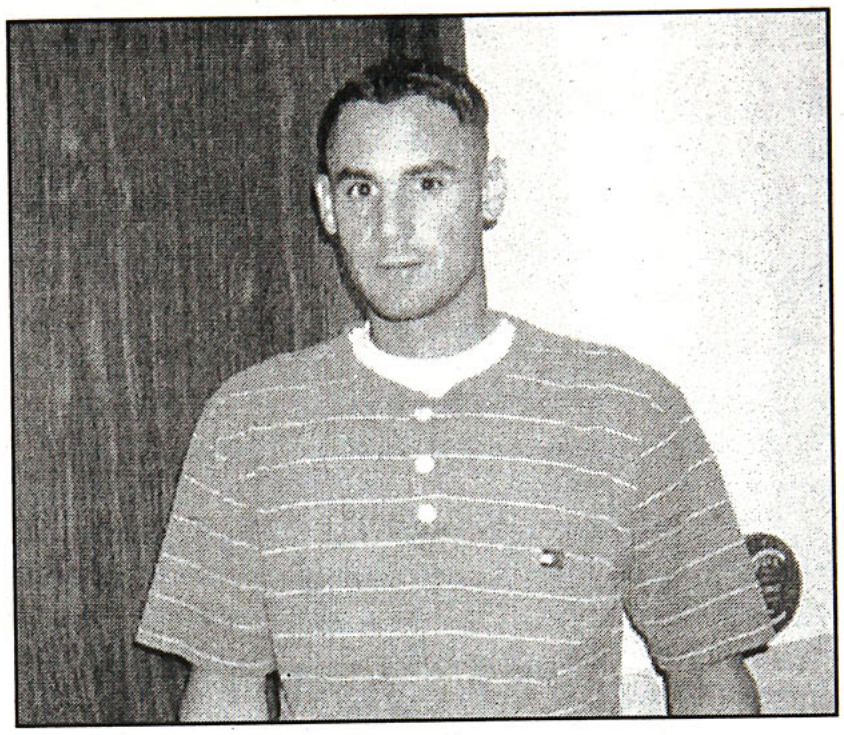
Athletic Profile: Marc Sbraccia



Jay Kubica
Copy Editor

Freshman Marc Sbraccia is new this year to Saint Leo University's baseball team. While he isn't able to play this year, he does practice with the team and plans to play in the next season. "I am red-shirted in baseball this year, hoping to play again next year," Sbraccia said.

Sbraccia, at 19 years old, hails from Springstead High School. He chose Saint Leo primarily for its athletic program. "I heard they had a good baseball team," Sbraccia explained. Originally, he came to Saint Leo as a Criminology major, but has since changed it to Business Marketing and Sales. "I changed it from Criminology because I wanted to work for my uncle at MERCK in Pennsylvania," Sbraccia stated.

Sbraccia has a passion for sports and physical fitness. "I've been playing it (baseball) since I was young and I enjoy the sport. There's nothing like it," Sbraccia said. Outside of baseball, Sbraccia has several pastimes. "I like playing hockey, ping pong, pool, and just bumming out," Sbraccia said.

As a "red-shirted" player, Sbraccia does everything the baseball team does except play in games. "It will probably help me in the long run to get used to what it will be like next year," Sbraccia explained.

Student Profile: Lindsey King

Nikki Franchini
Photo Editor

"I love to sing," explains Lindsay, "I won 3rd place in the first talent show and 2nd place in the second one." Lindsay King has an amazing voice. Every Sunday she sings at Sunday mass in the choir. In high school, her chorus went to Notre Dame in France to sing at the cathedral. She felt it was very important because they went through a long process to make it overseas. "I want to learn to play guitar and sing," as she goes on with her aspirations in life.

Lindsay King is a freshman in the Honors Program at Saint Leo. She has a lot to say. Her major is Psychology. She is in the Psych club, and she is also their SGU senator. She is in a Karate program at Saint Leo and hopes to pursue it. "I am orange belt now, but I want to be a black belt," she comments. She is very involved in Campus Ministry and is aspiring to be a student chaplain. Lindsay is very proud to say that she is a practicing Catholic.

Originally from New Jersey, her family now lives in West Palm Beach. In New Jersey she played field hockey and had hopes of starting a team at Leo. When asked which state she likes better, Lindsay said, "I like Florida better. It has sunny days and much better weather."

Lindsay plans to stay at Saint Leo for four years. After that, if she doesn't pursue, a singing career, she has plans to be a psychologist. Lindsay does not have any aspirations to be "a mother or a nun." Fatima Turay described Lindsay as "someone who really cares about her friends a lot." When asked what she hopes to get from Leo, Lindsay commented, " I want lasting friendships and good memories."

Class of 2000

Reunion 2000 Review

Jay Kubica
Copy Editor

Reunion 2000 was recently celebrated at Saint Leo University, from Thursday, March 16th, to Sunday, March 19th. This annual event allowed alumni of Saint Leo to gather, meet old friends, and reacquaint themselves with their alma mater.

The celebration kicked off on Thursday with an Alumni Reorientation session and a special mass in memory of Father Marion Bowman and Father Raphael. Following the mass were visits to classes, the Saint Leo Prep School Museum, and Holy Name Monastery. The day concluded with a prayer service for Father Marion Bowman and Father Raphael and a Hall of Fame Banquet. Friday started with the Saint Leo Presidential Golf Tournament and an Alumni Tennis Tournament. A visit to Theatre Playhouse 90 followed, along with a reception by various student clubs, fraternities, and sororities. The

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Final Examination Schedule

Spring Semester 2000

Friday, April 28, 2000 – Tuesday, May 2, 2000

Classes Offered On:	Date Of Exam:	Time of Exam:
MWF 8:30	Friday, April 28, 2000	8:00 – 10:00
TR 11:00	Friday, April 28, 2000	10:10 – 12:10
MWF 10:30	Friday, April 28, 2000	2:00 – 4:00
MWF 11:30	Saturday, April 29, 2000	8:00 – 10:00
TR 9:30	Saturday, April 29, 2000	10:10 – 12:10
MWF 2:30	Saturday, April 29, 2000	2:00- 4:00
MWF 9:30	Monday, May 1, 2000	8:00 – 10:00
MWF 1:30	Monday, May 1, 2000	10:10 – 12:10
TR 3:30	Monday, May 1, 2000	2:00- 4:00
MWF 3:30	Tuesday, May 2, 2000	8:00 – 10:00
TR 8:00	Tuesday, May 2, 2000	10:10 – 12:10
TR 1:30	Tuesday, May 2, 2000	2:00- 4:00

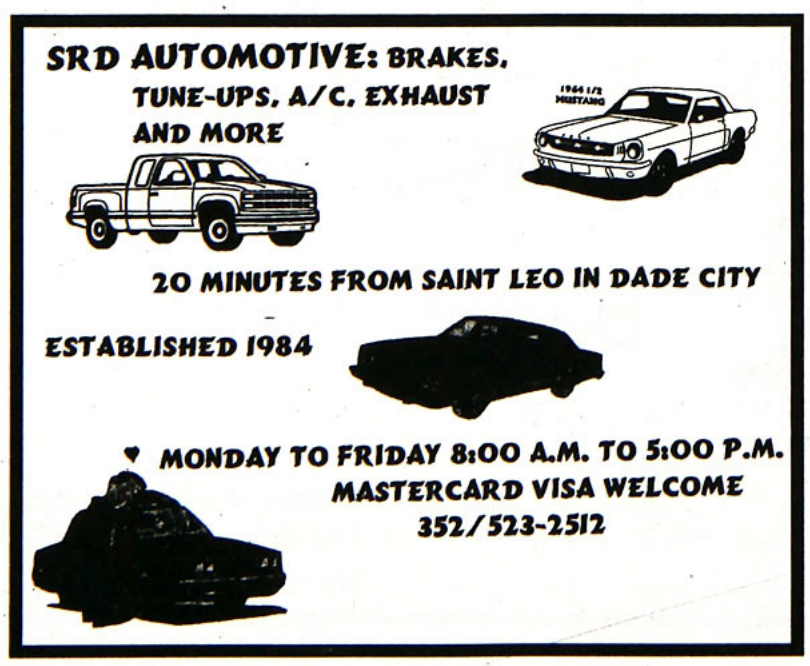
Evening classes will hold final exams from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. during final exam days. Check with your faculty or syllabus for correct dates.
For exam purposes, classes that start after 4:00 p.m. are considered evening classes.

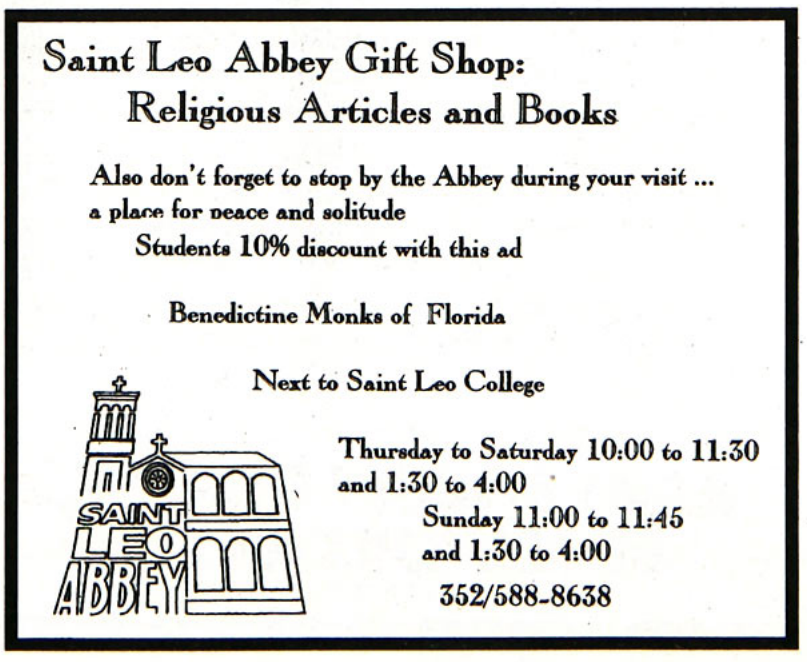
Disability Awareness Day

In celebration of the tenth anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the Department of Special Education and the Director of ADA Student Support Services are hosting a half-day forum, free of charge, to faculty, staff, and students. The theme is "Raising Your Disability Quotient." The date of the forum is April 17, 2000, from 11am-2pm in the Raleigh Greene Room.

The purpose of the forum is to raise your level of awareness about the nature and needs of the disabled and provide an opportunity for information exchange with others concerned about disability issues. The primary feature is to showcase students' work projects. There will be featured speakers: Dr. Mary O'Grady speaking about the Varying Exceptionalities major, and Dr. Karen Hahn discussing ADA and its impact on you, and a number of break-out sessions related to disabilities issues. There will be disability simulation opportunities.

This will be a wonderful opportunity to come together with other students and professionals to discuss current trends and issues surrounding disabilities to RAISE YOUR DISABILITY QUOTIENT. Karen Hahn is the contact person if you have any questions. See you there!





Coffee House Update

Tina Arrington
Student Submission

It has finally been decided: the final fate of the beloved Coffeehouse. It will be reconstructed in the Student Activity Center (SAC). Renovations of the SAC building will take place this summer, and will include the help of Tina Arrington and Manny Torres, the duo who headed up the Coffeehouse Committee. A sound wall will be placed between the already existing offices of University Ministry and the soon-to-be "Nightly Grind II" in order to ensure that both may coexist harmoniously.

Many thanks to the help of all Committee Members; also a thanks goes out to Dr. Evelyn Vitale for her support and dedication to "we, the students." Last, but certainly not least, a special thanks to Ben Donatelli for all his help and for allowing "we, the students" to bring back our coffeehouse.

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Saint Patrick's Day Alumni Celebration ended the day's activities. Saturaday began with a meeting of the Alumni Association, where Alumni Officers were installed. During the meeting, Dr. Bonnie McKenzie presented the plans for Saint Leo's construction, offering the alumni a chance to see the Saint Leo of the future. Lunch with Dr. Arthur Kirk, President of the University, followed. Two Saint Leo sporting events were then held, a baseball game against Barry University and a softball game against Rollins College. Alumni enjoyed an elegant evening at the Saint Leo Gala 2000 Dinner and Dance. Sunday concluded the festivities of Reunion 2000 with a Farewell Brunch and a baseball game concluding an SSC series against Barry University.

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Music Review: *Illmatic*

Walter Wright
Staff Writer

Good albums come, and good albums go, but only once in a blue moon does an album come that is worthy of being reviewed almost seven years after its debut. This classic album is more than just a run of the mill hip-hop record; it is definitive and descriptive music. The album is composed by many brilliant musicians who each had a hand in the creation of the tracks. The vocalist single-handedly wrote all of the lyrics contained in the work. He alone recites the verses that speak so clearly to both street-level kids and executive-level businessmen. Unfortunately, only the former seemed to appreciate the message, because the album did not have very much mainstream popularity. Therefore, the album, like the artist, remained underground.

Nas's debut album, *Illmatic*, a ten-track compilation of melodic choruses and mind-blowing lyrics, is the canon for all hip-hop albums to come. At 19, Nassir Jones, a.k.a. Nas, hit the scene conveying his view of the world from his project window in the borough of Queensbridge, New York. He discusses politics, religion, social problems and the future of America. The production on this freshman venture by Nas features some of the hottest producers in the industry. DJ Premier, of Gangstarr; Pete Rock, of Pete Rock; and C.L. Smooth, Large Professor, of Main Source and Q-Tip, of A Tribe Called Quest, all contribute many unique and captivating baselines and melodies. The beats on the album seem to compliment the lyrics and signal the mood Nas was in while creating the song. For example the song, "Life's a B***h," discusses a day in the life of Nas and how he is attempting to evolve from an immature street kid to a respectable member of society. The song has a somber jazz beat that is mellow and relaxing. In the song he uses witty lines to describe his efforts. A line that stands out in my mind is, "…that buck that bought a bottle could've struck the lotto." Lines like these are riddled throughout this song and this album. A song on a lighter or more positive note is the track "One love." In this song he recites a letter he wrote to his friends who are in jail. He tells about things going on in his neighborhood and how he is looking out for their families while they are locked away. A creative line in this song is, "Dear Bond, you'll be out soon; stay strong. Out in New York the same s**t is going on…" The lyrics seem to build upon each other as Nas uses colorful metaphors

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Physical Plant expects no problems with the Chiller Plant construction. "Construction is going quite well. The renovations are being completed as we speak. At this time we foresee no problems," Killmeyer said. "To this date, I have not had a student voice any negative feelings to this office, and I have only had two faculty that had concerns. All in all, the campus community has been greatly sympathetic with our actions," Killmeyer added.

In other contruction news, the Golf Course Clubhouse will be completed the first week of May. Also, Saint Leo recently signed an agreement with Tampa Electric Co-Op (TECO) to provide natural gas to the University Campus.

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and expert rhyme patterns. To catch the total meaning of the songs on the album, one may have to listen closely to the lyricist. Nas discusses the struggle of an African-American inner-city youth, while using language that is complex, yet comprehendible.

At a time when rap/hip-hop is big business for the artists who create it and even bigger business for the record labels that distribute it, I wonder how creative these "big" rap stars actually are. It is true that Nas has "blown up" since his debut in 1993, and followed *Illmatic* with three other albums that had extreme commercial prosperity. Yet, this album has the heart and soul of the artist in it. When this album was made, Nas was neither a millionaire, nor a celebrity; he wasn't even really a rapper. He was a young man who wanted to express himself to the world in the most creative way he could, through reflective poetry.

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WOMEN'S TENNIS(5-12,2-5)

Lions Win One, Lose One... The Saint Leo women's tennis team split in two matches last week. On Tuesday, the Lions fell to Florida Southern College, 5-2 in a Sunshine State Conference match. Kathleen Houstma (No. 3) and Jen Molby (No. 5) picked up wins in singles. On Thursday, the Lions defeated Hillsborough Community College 4-3 in an exhibition match. Britt Patriarche (No. 2) and Kathleen Houtsma (No. 3) won at singles, while the Lions won both doubles matches. Stephanie Harris and Britt Patriarche teamed at No. 1 doubles for an 8-5 victory, while Houstma and Shelby Jordan also posted an 8-5 victory at No. 2 doubles. The Lions record now stands at 5-12 overall and 2-5 in SSC play. Thursday's victory over Hillsborough does not count towards the regular season standings.

Up Next... The Lions close out the 2000 regular season on the road as they travel to Eckerd College in a Sunshine State Conference match Tuesday afternoon at 3 p.m. They conclude the year this weekend at the Sunshine State Conference Championships in Boca Raton April 14-16.

MEN'S TENNIS (1-17)

Lions fall to Webber... The Saint Leo men's tennis team fell to 1-17 on the season after dropping a non-conference match to Webber College, 7-2, Wednesday afternoon in Babson Park. Felipe Esteves posted a 4-6, 7-6 (7-3), 7-6 (7-2) victory at No. 1 singles while Fernando Mantese picked up a straight-set (6-2, 6-3) victory at No. 4 singles.

Up Next... The Lions close out the 2000 regular season on the road as they travel to Eckerd College for a Sunshine State Conference match Monday at 3 p.m. They conclude the year this weekend at the Sunshine State Conference Championships in Boca Raton April 14-16.

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Creative Writing Submission

By Arturo Alba
Student Contributor

There were bodies lying everywhere and the sounds were unbearable. Men were screaming in pain as they lay wounded on the battlefield. The shelling did not seem to stop for one minute. As William looked around the trenches, all he could see were innocent men willing to die for what they believed in. He was so scared as he held the picture of his girlfriend in his hand. It seemed to be the only thing that brought him any happiness amidst all the destruction around him. There was a large blast only a couple feet away from William. He was thrown to the ground. As he lay on the ground, he became unconscious.

William grew up as a poor boy raised on the streets of New York. The streets had taught him how to fend for himself. William and his friends made it through each day by pick-pocketing innocent people on the streets. This was the only life that William knew. The only way William knew he could get off the streets was by becoming a thug. As a thug, he would be able to be paid by the mobsters that controlled the streets. The day had come for William to join the mob. As he walked to his friends apartment, William met a girl that would change the way he looked at life. Her name was Victoria Rockwell. Victoria was leaving her parent's apartment, when William accidentally knocked her over in the hallway. They both began to exchange words with each other. Victoria asked him where he was going to in such a hurry. William did not want her to know that he was a street thug, so he told her that he was on his way to enlist in the great world war. He said this in order to impress her, but little did he know that she was already interested in him. They exhanged some small talk and they decided to meet later on that night.

As William walked the streets, he could not believe what he had just told her. He knew that the only way to impress Victoria and her family was by joining the military. It was the only way he knew he could earn their respect. Later on that night, William took the money that he he had gotten from enlisting and took Victoria out to dinner. William had never felt this much joy in his life. Victoria seemed to bring meaning into William's life. They met a few more times until it was time for William to leave for Europe. Victoria told him that she would wait for him to return, as she gave him a picture of herself to take with him. They held each other

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Alumni Contribition: Al Marsico

Din Don Din Don . . . Din Don Din Don . . . . . Gong . . . Gong . . . Gong
3 O'clock. The melodious, melancholy signal from the abbey church bell tower welcomes me home again. Like my boyhood house and other significant touchstones in my life, the Saint Leo campus stirs feelings of serenity and nostalgia within me.

Since graduation, more than a million gongs ago, I've been here from time to time. I enjoy walking the pastoral campus and feeling reconnected to that very important quadrennium of my life. I temper these feelings with thoughts of the here and now--the Saint Leo renaissance of the past few years. Today's students are eyewitnesses to the evolution of the latest stage in the metamorphoses of Saint Leo.

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I encourage you students of today to pause to contemplate now and then about your experiences--your feelings and thoughts of what you have created here: your friendships, love affairs, bonds with your favorite professors and staff, etc. You will carry some of these thoughts and feelings with you for the rest of your lives.

Pause and ponder that, just as you are the major threads of the fabric that is Saint Leo University, your experiences at SLU will forever be major threads in the fabric that is you. Vow to yourself that you will reach out over time and distance to share a bit of your lives with the people with whom you have resonated here.

Remember the good times (and sometimes the bad) and feel free to come home again and again as I have for thirty years, so far.

Al Marsico '70 is a member of the Alumni Association board and a commercial real estate broker and investor living in the Washington DC suburb of Gaithersburg, Maryland.

History Conference

Two Saint Leo History majors recently presented their Senior Seminar projects at a state-wide conference for undergraduates. The occasion was the first annual Spring History Conference at the University of Central Florida in Orlando on April 8. David Bryan spoke on "From Shame to Pride: America's Sexual Minorities Stop Accepting Ugly Duckling Status" and Leigh Wazocha discussed "Flex Frankfurter: the Dilemma of a Zionist in American Politics."

Students from institutions all over the state participated and spoke on a wide variety of topics. Bryant and Wazocha wrote their papers in their Senior Seminar class under the supervision of Dr. Anthony Esposito.

Psychology Conference

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Four psychology students, Dr. Cronin, Dr. Moore and I attended the Southeastern Psychological Association conference from March 29 to April 2 in New Orleans, LA. The trip began in the Tampa International Airport where Nicki Rodney found several opportunities for a "Kodak moment." The flight was short and we experienced only a little turbulence on the way. When we arrived in New Orleans on Wednesday, Mar. 29, Nikki and I were very familiar with the environment, but the humid air and long line for a taxi overwhelmed the rest of the group. It was my first experience with a taxicab, and it was not quite as intriguing as I had once assumed. Everyone had taken a cab before, but I felt this 80-year old man driving 45 miles per hour on the highway threatened my life. John Barningham, the talker that he is, had a thrilling conversation with the driver for the entire thirty-minute journey.

We arrived at the hotel, Radisson, on Canal Street. The lobby was huge and very fancy, but this was not consistent with the rooms. Each room was four walls closing in on a small bed. The bar was nice, however, which is where we spent many nights talking and having fun with the group. Thursday was the beginning of the conference. Debra Harris, Dr. Moore and Dr. Cronin presented their posters; and, of coursem, the students cheered them on. The mornings began early and the nights ended late. Thursday we ate at a traditional, South Louisiana restaurant, Ralph & Kacoo's. The food was delicious, and reminded me and Nicki of home. We're not used to getting such good food here at Saint Leo.

Dr. Cronin was able to bring his sister and brother-in-law to dinner, and his 8-year old niece (niesky) was quite entertaining. Of course, we had to take a walk down Bourbon Street to the adults and the "niesky" had to go back to the hotel. Friday was also an early day, and the rest of us would present. Nikki, Matt Gour, John and myself presented on this day. We were also able to meet Dr. Zimbardo, who is very famous in psychological literature. He was the prize speaker for the conference and was very interesting. There were psychologists from all over the Southeastern United States. There was so much interesting research being presented that it was difficult to fit everything in. The conference ended on Saturday, when Nikki and I were able to spend some time with our families, and the rest of the group was able to relax and have fun before leaving early Sunday morning.

The trip was a lot fun. It would have never have been possible without the financial contributions of Saint Leo University. I must recognize SGU, Nancy Pond and Dr. Astolfi for making it possible for all of us to attend the conference. It was an unforgettable experience that will help us succeed in the future. I also recognize Dr. Cronin and Dr. Moore for encouraging us all to do research. Your motivation will pay off for us in the future. On behalf of the entire group, I want to thank everyone who made the trip possible. Your contributions are appreciated.

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sity, a Master of Arts from Ohio State, and a Doctorate from Michigan State, Dr. Dadez lived with his wife and two sons in North Carolina. There, he was the Vice President of Student Life at Chowan College. Dr. Dadez now calls Marmion Hall home, where accommodations make him more easily accessible to students. This arrangement should continue until he is joined by his family, who have remained in North Carolina to allow his oldest son to finish his senior year in high school. Dr. Dadez remarks, however, "Since I arrived, I have felt a sense of community with the entire student affairs staff. They are very much like family."

When asked what he liked best about Saint Leo, Dr. Dadez has this to say, "I've been really impressed with the friendliness of the students, in that they seem really seem open to me being here and coming to introduce themselves. This has really impressed me because at other institutions the students have always seemed put off . . . but the students have really welcomed me here with open arms." He has a complete open door policy: "I would hope that students would find me extremely approachable." Students should feel free to stop by; and if he cannot help them himself, he should be able to point them to someone who can. As junior RA Andy Duran says, "He seems very open to listening to students' ideas, and he is very resceptive to their needs."

As Vice President of Student Affairs, Dr. Dadez coordinates all of the departments within Student Affairs. In addition, he feels that it is the job of Student Affairs "to work cooperatively and collaboratively with faculty and athletics to develop a seamless learning environment. We want to develop healthy positive students within a healthy, positive campus and residence halls." He firmly believes that all of the governing bodies of a university must communicate and operate in joint efforts. Furthermore, he is attending various committee meetings to further help this institution and its students. While at Saint Leo, he would like to accomplish the following: "I would want to work most with students being more satisfied with their decision to be at Saint Leo, and to accomplish that, what we need to do in Student Affairs is to look at each and every activity, program, and service that we provide to ensure that it is reaching students and working toward meeting student needs." To combat the problem of low student involvement Dr. Dadez has plans: "One of the things I want to work on next fall is more opportunities for freshmen and underclassmen to get involved in the institution immediately."

Although Vice President Dadez has discovered some specific concerns, his primary aim is to study the broad picture of the university and create long and short term goals before jumping the gun on any one issue. He has gathered from his research that, "there are many trees to fix, but we must first look at the whole forest.

His message to the Saint Leo University community is refreshingly unique: "Since I am here by myself and I hate to go to professional basketball, baseball, or soccer games by myself, and clearly I don't want to go golfing by myself, if any faculty or staff or students ever want to do those things, give me a call."

For the first time in Saint Leo history a member of the University's Chapter of Sigma Tau Delta, the International English Honor Society, has been published in the *Rectangle*. The *Rectangle* is the journal of Sigma Tau Delta. This high honor was received by Keith Hansen, author of the poem "May and September." A quote reads, "May is a coal burning/ White hot with fire./ September's an ember/ That fades."

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- **International Studies:** David Byrant
- **Political Science:** Lisa Martin
- **Psychology:** Debra Harris
- **Flemming Memorial Scholarship:** John Barningham
- **Religion:** Neil Kennedy

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- **Business Administration**
  - **Hospitality and Tourism:** Britt Patriarche
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  - **Management:** Shelley Mirpuri
  - **Marketing:** Jorge Torrico
- **Computer Information Systems:** Kevin McGavin
- **Sport Management:** Stephanie Harris

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- **Criminology:** Holly Hutchinson
- **Elementary Education:** Barbara Nizza
- **Exceptional Student Education:** Lynn Hagelin
- **Physical Education Secondary:** Amy Hutson
- **Social Work:** Sally Moore

Clara McDonald Olsen Scholarship Award: Russell Beach

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tightly as they kissed each other goodbye. The look of Victoria's teary eyes would burn an image inside William's mind.

As William began to awaken, he saw his fellow soldiers getting ready to advance onto the German lines. This was the moment William had feared. They were getting ready to make a suicidal charge against German machine gunners. William had to decide whether he would make the charge and risk his life to die with honor, or stay behind to live another day. The men began to yell as they charged down the battlefield. William took one last look at the picture and began to charge alongside his fellow soldiers. The bullets were flying through the air. There was a rain of bombs that flew through the air. Man after man kept dropping, but William kept on charging. The only thing that kept William's legs moving was into passion that he felt for Victoria. William felt a stinging sensation in his chest as he jumped into the German trenches. William and his fellow soldiers charged through the trenches and began rounding up German prisoners. As William sat down to catch his breath he noticed that his uniform was covered in his own blood. As the medics came to his aid, William began to lose feeling throughout his body. He knew that the end was near. He asked the medic to send her a letter that he had written her. He also asked the medic to write about what had happened that day and to tell Victoria that he had made the charge for her. William took one last breath as he looked into the sky and thought about the love and honor that he had found.

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"Is there anyone here who yearns for life and desires to see good days? If you hear this and your answer is "I do," God then directs these words to you: "If you desire true and eternal life, keep your tongue free for vicious talk and your lips from all deceit; let peace be your quest and aim."

- Prologue of the Rule of Saint Benedict

What Do I Do Next?

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